Mrs. Washington was a lady of some sternness and infeatibility in spite of her passionately loving temperament. But her grandchildren addred her nevertheless, and no one of them more than

our sweet Boisey Custis herself. Among the tenderest and most pro-

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Among the tenderest and most precious relies over possessed and treasured by Beisey was a little silver seisors sheath marked with the initials "M. W." Beisey laid it away, curefully wrapped in a slip of paper, on which she wrote. "From my beloved Grandmother."

Another of her treasures—also u gift from Mrs. Washington—was an ivory fan, hand-painted and iniaid with gold in several colors—bronze, silver-toned, and yellow. This fan was carried by Beisey in many a great ball of her day; and I doubt not that she became it and knew well how to use it, and likewise appeared to advantage when she carried it! She was most good to look at, and had a wit and charm of her own, quite as definite as her slater Nelly's, though utterly different.

Her mother's widowhood was a very brief one. Mrs. Custis was exquisitely pretty, and only twenty-two when "Jack" Custis died. So it was not odd that Dr. Stuart's easer twoling should prosper, and that she should wed him after but a short period of mourning. The Washingtons, alway, unfaillusjy generous, seem to have accepted the new husband, their beloved "Jack" "successor, with entire kindliness of feeling, and appear to lave borne, that pretty daughter-in-law no lil-will for her husty second marriage.

Dr. and Mrs. Sthait, with Betsoy and Martha (Paticy)—armed for her beyond.

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Dr. and Mrs. Sthatt, with Betsay and Martina (Pattey)-named for her beguntful young aunt, long since dead-lived first at Abingdon, then at Hope Park. When Pattey was but sevalteen she married Thomas Peter, a son of Riviewd Peter, of Georgetown, Md. She was only just a year younger than Bolsey, and the sisters had been almost live twins, so the on-ving was felt deeply ill-though the Peter couple seem to have speen much of their time with Patley's people.

The record of the descenda

court at Esslinger," etc.

disadvantage, physically speaking, by being compared to Neily who had grown up into one of the greatest peauties of her day. Betsey was also somewhat quieter and less vivacious than the ever-sprightly Nelly, and so gave the impression of being older than she really was.

But She Did Not Fieed.

But, after all, she did not heed his advice—the advice of the man she revered and loved, as well as of the greatest man of her country. What girl of nineteen ever did heed the counsel of an older porson in an affair of the heart? Washington made a strong plea against international marriages, but after the many admirable things which Washington had written in fovor of choosing one of her own countrymen as a mate—Betsey married an Englishman!

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captain Morgan's company, These move with the New Jersey troops, and fought under General Simcoe in the Raritan Valley. I can trace them no further I hope this article may bring their descendants to light.

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He was born about 1718, evidently on St. Peter's day, June 29th, the saint for whom he was named. This was a prevailing custom at that time. His wife's name was Elizabeth. They first settled at Lancaster, Pa., where his third son, Peter, was born, April 1, 1761, and baptized May 19th the same year. He removed to Virginia in 1767, and bought 249 acres of land from Casper Taylor. In 1770 ite conveyed this land to George Underwood. He entered 368 acres of land in the valley of the Hawkesbill. April 19, 1786, he obtained a patent for this land from Lord Fairfax. In 1794 he sold this land to Peter Ruffner. In 1779, 1780 and 1782 he bought three tracts of land on North River, for which he paid £1,750, mostly cash. Later, in August, 1783, he patented a small tract of land, all, 1 presume, he could obtain in that locality. This property was then in Augusta county, but after 1788 it was in Rockingham.

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THE ROLLER FAMILY. OF VIRGINIA



Roller.

three hous pess of the field, as many bezents." Burkes general armory.

Ohe was the inventor of the upright pisho, and his son Jean died a portrait painter. There was also a branch of this family in Holland, but little is known of it. I note, however, with interest that the Rev. Johanes Theodore Polhemus settled in New Amsterdam (now New York) in 1854. His crest was a "demi-lion holding a wheel," or begant but neither the arms nor the tinctures of the crest are mentipped. The similarity of the rather unusual leonined implements, raises the question as to whether there was any connection between the Hollad Polhemus and Roller families.

This emigration of this family to America antedated the revolution somewhat. The first was Johanes Roller, who came September 15, 148. I know nothing of him or his descendants.

The next was Johanes Roller, who came to Philadelphia August 11, 1750. This was evidently John Roller, of Dunmore, and the ancestor of the Newmarket, Va., family, I have seen his Lutheran Hymn or Frayer Book, but have not had opportunity to get family records which I know to exists. Mr. John A. Roller, of Luray, is a descendant.

August 28, 1750, Jacob Boller came from Martinsburg. He settled in the blue Ju-This is the last note of him anywhere, for services. Did he go to secure it? found. Ho is said to have gone westward. He was entitled to bounty land for services. Did he go to secure it John Roller, the second son of the founder, was a soldier in the Revolution, having served in the Third Virginia Regiment, under Lieutenant-Colonel Possy. As John was entitled to bounty land, and as Conrad deeded the land he got from his father to his brother, John, it is not unlikely that these brothers made some sort of exchange and that Conrad went West to settle on this land.

John Roller married Susana Wildberger, who was born at the family seat of Wildberg. They had eight childron.

1. Peter W.; John W.; 3, Jacob C.; 4, Anne; 5. Margaret; 6. Catherine; 7, Mary; 8. Elizabeth.

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ame to Philadelphia, but he must have lied soon after arriving, as no trace of ilm can be found. The fact that John him can be found. The fact that John Roller, of Dunmore, named one son Michael would indicate that perhaps he and Johan-Michael were brothers. (I would note here, by way of parenthesis, that Johan is not a proper, but a leibsignomen-love-name, and is omitted in omicial signatures. Johanes is John; Johan is not a

ter; issue, John H., of Indiana; Dr. George H., of Cumberland, Md.; Mrs. Dr. T. H. B. Brown, Peter S., of Oklahoma, 2. Lucy Ann married John Fleshman Crown, Issue: Mrs. Baker, of Augusta; Mrs. P. A. Kleer, John S., Josiah S. and

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Peter married Elizabeth Samplye. Colonel Roller's oblidiron were 1 Joslah Stuart, married Martha Burgess; issue Peter Wilson, Victoria Virginia, Oscar Burgess, of Missouri. 2 Margaret Ann, married Jacob Byerly; Issue eight children.

3 George W., married Eliza Ann Sherman; issue, James E., Poter Sherman, William McKay, Mrs. Andrew Brockt Lago, Mrs. Preston B. Moony, Mrs. Ed. Whitfield Cappenter, Mrs. William M. Minifees, 4 William Edward, married Eliza C. Hofman, went to Missouri; issue, Peter Sh. Edward B., William H. James R., Dora, Oliver M., Harvey B., Charles N. 5 Lucy Frances, married Robert Nelson Weight; moved to Missouri; issue, Mrs. Frank W. Massie, Robert Lee, William T., Mrs. A. C. Whittley, Mrs. Okcy Hoagland, De-Witt W. 6 John Brown, married Miss E. C. Colner; issue, Frank, Charles H. 7 Caroline S., married John A. Switzer, Issue, Walter C., Mrs. Carrle Moon Davis, John R. 8 Michael Harris, married Bettie Fadon, of Kansas; issue, Myrtle, Mrs. Roscoe L. Owsler, James O. 9 Harvey, Plerce, married Sue E. Brown, went to Missouri; issue, Bessie B. and Minnie M. Annie married John Pence; issue, William, Emanuel, Mrs. Henry Carpenter, Mrs. W. H. Michael and Mrs. John Snader, Emanuel, Mrs. Henry Carpenter, Mrs. W. H. Michael and Mrs. John Snader, Emanuel, Mrs. Henry Carpenter, Mrs. W. H. Michael and Mrs. John Snader, Emanuel, Mrs. Henry Carpenter, Mrs. W. H. Michael and Mrs. John Snader, Emanuel, Mrs. Henry Carpenter, Mrs. Henry W., Emanuel, Mrs. John S. Bowman and Peter.

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Piecker, 3. Jacob C. married Margaret Hyde. Issue: Charles Summerville, of Fort De-flance; Courtney C. and Hugh Shoffey, of Mississippi,

Alssissippi.

Anne married Frederick Hoffman.

Mary married Samuel Hoffman.

Catherine married John Hoffman.

Peter Roller, the third son of the company of the third son of the phia September 17, 1753. Of him I can lear nothing, but believe he settled in born 1796; Elizabetir married Adam

descendants, but not classified John married Elizabeth Whi

Mrs. P. A. Kiser, John S., Josiah S. and Mrs. Lovell, of Rockingham.

8. Peter S. inarried Frances Sidney Allohaugh. Issue: General John E., Colonel Olivor B., William Wirt, Mrs. D., Hollingsworth, Mrs. M. B. Calwell, of Harrisonburg; Rev. Robert D., of Charleston, W. Va.; Sarah (the mother of Dr. R. R. Richardson of United States navy); Mrs. Channing Cornell, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Charles Mauzy, of Harrisonburg, and Poter S., of Mt. Jacisson.

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Peter Johnston, the second, was born at Osborne's Landing, Vn., on the 6th of January, 1763, and died at Abingdon, Vn., December 8, 1831, at the age of sixty-eight years. It will be seen by this that Captain Gideon Johnston, of Tauquier county, who died there in 1830, at the age of sighty, was the senior of Judge Peter-Johnston, whom "E. C. M." says was his Eather, by thirteen years; consequently the relationship of father and son between these two could not exist.

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The first Peter Johnston came to Virginia from Annandale, Scotland, in 1726, and murried Martha Rogers, nee Butler, in Prince George county, Va., on the 19th of March 1761, and had the 101-lowing children;
Peter, born January 6, 1783.

John, born September 9, 1781.

Andrew, born March 8, 1787.

Charles, born April 28, 1766.

Edward, born November 15, 1774.

The second Peter Johnston married Mary Wood, daughter of Colonel Valentine Wood, of Goochland county, and a niece of Patrick Henry, and had the following children:

John Warfield, born December 14, 1790.

following children:
John Warfield, born December 14, 1790.
Peter Carr, born February 24, 1783.
Charles Clement, born April 39, 1795.
Valentine, born October 3, 1797.
Edward William, born October 17, 1799.
Algernon Sidney, born October 17, 1801.
Beverly Randelph, born October 22, 1803.
Joseph Eggleston, born February 8, 1807.
Benjamin Franklin, born November 18, 588.

Jane Wood, born November ..., 1811.
Dr. John Warfield Johnston married Louisa Smith Bowen, and had one child, the late United States Senator John W. Johnston, who married Nicketti Buchanan Floyd, daughter of Governor John Floyd. Charles Clement married Ellisa Preston and had one son, John Preston Charles who was a lightenant of States. Johnston, who was a lieutenant of ar-tillery in the United States army, and was killed in the war with Maxico; and two daughters, Eliza Mary, who married Judge Robert W. Hughes, and Susanna, who died in infancy. The only two other sons of the second Peter Johnston, who married, were Edward and Joseph, neith-or of whom had children. Dr. George Ben, Johnston and Mr. Joseph Beverly Johnston, of Richmond, sons of Senator Johnston, are the only living male de-scendants of the second Peter Johnston, who bear his name. Johnston, who was a lieutenant of an

Johnston, are the only living male descendants of the second Peter Johnston, who been his name.

Andrew and Charles, sons of the first Peter, married and left children, but none named Gideon. Andrew Johnston was the grandfather of Major John W. Johnston, of this city, and the great-grandfather of Miss Mary Johnston. Charles was the father of the late Frederick Johnston of Bedford county, and grandfather of the Rt. Rov. James Johnston. Episcopal Bishop of Texas.

None of Peter Johnston's descendants ever lived in Fauquier county, and there is no record in the family of any dideen Johnston.

Thanks are due the writer of the above which corrects our error, hastly given. The same notice has been called by C. M. P.," of Little Rock, Ark, who says: "I do not understand whether the dates given apply to the birth and death of Peter Johnston or Captain Gideon Johnston; but in noither case can they be correct. Gideon Johnston was captain in the war of the Revolution (176-1781), so he must have been born prior to 1783. Is you can obtain further information on this subject I shall be giad."

Yes, you are right. See the above by "C. H. J." We have not yet published a full genealogy of the Johnstons, but will do so when we collect some retainble matter.

E. C. M.

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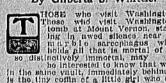


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Those who visit Washington's tone and visit washington's tone at Mount Vernon, standing in awed silones near the marphile sarconiagus which he in the same waste in the sarconiagus which in the same value, in marchile and the interval of one so distinctively immortal, may which in the same value, immortal, may be interested to know that within the same value, immortal, may who like in the same value, immortal, may in the first of a little girl who died more than 109 years ugo, and who in life, as in death, was closely associated with the great man. The casket, which originally rested upon the sarcophagus itself, as in death, was closely associated with the great man the casket, which originally rested upon the sarcophagus itself, and of his wife. Eleanor Peter, Mrs. Washington's first great-grandelild, named for lier three grandelaughters, the children of her son. John Parke Custis, and of his wife. Eleanor Caivert, the grandelaughter of Lord Baltimore, The little girl, who was born January 20, 1788, mearly thron years before Washington's death and who died September 10, 1889, just nine months after that event, was taught to walk by him. With the greathing gioes rising gently from the salaring river in the foreground and framed in clustering trees, bursting with buds and vocal with the twitter of mating birds, the two must have made a protty picture on the veranda at Mount Vernon on those early spring mornings, she clinging to his great foreinger with her dimpled they have a salary mornings, she clinging to his great foreinger with her dimpled they have a carry spring mornings, she clinging to his great foreinger with her dimpled they have a carry spring mornings, she clinging to his great foreinger with her dimpled they have a sister of the clilid, Mrs. Britannia Wellington Kennon, the ddest living descendant of Martha Washington, and her only sturviving representative in the tilirid degree, At Mrs. Kennon's beautitu, historic home, Tudor Place, in Georgetown, too, are souvenirs of the

Priceless Relics at Tudor Place.

with a remnant of one of ner weeding gowns.

Priceless Relics at Tudor Place.

Tudor Place contains besides many priceless relies of the Washington family and is the scene of the most interesting events of Mrs. Kennon's life. The central portion of the stuccood structure was built in 1816 by her father, Col. Thomas Peter, who married Martha, the second daughter of John Parke Custis, but the wings which it unites, standing when he purchased the property are of much earlier date. It is situated in the heart of Georgetown, the beautiful grounds surrounding it, shaded by forest trees and intersected with gravol walks, having been reduced by the eneroaching oily from six and a half acres to a half square. Entering the great iron gate an oder of boxwood, suggestive of Colonial gurdens, greets you, and, following the driveway, outlined by the pungent shrub and energing a spherical bed of the same, resembling a mammoth green table, and so ovenly trimmed and with such closely interwoven branches, that it, ruight almost be used for such, we pass through the vestibule and into a spacious central apartment. An inverted bay window, half inclosing a round stone porch, whose dome-like roof is supported by four pilars, occupies its opposite and while fanking it on either side are wide doorways leading into complete with a conserval cry, imprisoned behind whose glass doors is a sago palm, a scien of one of three brought to this country in one of these, sent to Mount Vernon, was destroyed by a fire which occurred there, burning a portion of the greenhouse; another was carried to Morrislana, the home of Geovernor Morris, and the third want to Prati's Gardons in Philadelphia.

In 1813 Mrs. Peter drove to that city in the contralge, the journey occupying four days, and, visiting the gardens, bought an offshoot of the palm, bringing it home in a basket. The plant thus transported is now a semi-tree, and under the gardener's fostering care bears every year a profusion of scarlet blossoms.

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the roem to the right of the central timent is a brass-framed mirror in hung in the parior at Mount Verand a child's desk presented to Mrs. r by General Latayette when she was tie girl, while the walls of all thres covered with a rare collection of pless, Among these are the painting by ard Savage (se widely copied) of

ion, of General Knox, Wishington's Secretary of War, and of John Parke Cusilis, and engraved reproductions of Trumbuil's Iamous battle scenes and of Ary Scheffer's portrait of Lafayetee, sont by limit to Mrs. Peter after his visit to Tudor Place in 1841.

Of the miniatures owned by Mrs. Kennon the one of Washington represents him as he afterward appeared at Neilie Custis's wedding in the Colonial uniform of buff and blue, with dolleate shirt frills. It was painted for Martia Custis at her special request immediately before her marriage, a duplicate baing given to her older sister, Eliza, the ancestor of Mrs. George Goldsborough and Mrs. Kirby Plower Smith, of Bullimore. The superb helricoms are set in dark blue enumel, encircled with pearls, a pearlife of the control of the control of the best containing locks of hair of Neilie and George Washington Parke Custis. The miniatures of Mrs. Washington were executed at widely seperated periods. In the first, taken soon after her marriage and on the reverse side of which is a portrait of John Parke Custis, she wears a lavender gown, with lace fichu, caught at the throat with a butterfly pin. In the second, painted at Mount Vernon by Field after her husband's death and a short time before her own, she appears in her "morning cap" that her grandduughter, Mrs. Peter, may see her in her "overy-day lace."

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Britannia Wellington Kennon. born January 28, 1815, daughter of Martha Custis, second daughter of John Parke Custis, who married granddaughter of Lord Baltimore Mrs. Kennon is widow of Commodor Beverley Kennon, who lost his life by explosion of gun on Princeton in 1844. She is the oldest living de-scendant of Martha Washington, and her only surviving representative in

grouped around an immense plate-glass plateau, simulating a lake and used at state and used at state at a stat

Mantel in Drawing Room at Tudor Place, with Life Portrait of Washington, Parisian Marble Figures Used at State Dinners and Andirons in His Room on Night When He Died.

A mahogany desk at Tudor Piace, with the stool belonging to it, was used by Mrs. Washington throughout her married life and contains the only two-autograph letter sextant from Washington to herself, which was the research of the research

absence of eight years, lives with his sister—and consummates, it is to be present and in Washington; Beverley Kennon poter is a member of the Washington bar, Rov. Freeland Peter is the assistant at St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church in that city and Miss Agnes Peter was introduced a short time since at Tudor Place into Washington society. (Copyright, 1906, by Gliberta S. Whittle.)

Betsey, according to all accounts, was very happy with Mr. Law, and Washing-

airs, Kennon's brief married life, spent at the Washington Navy Yard, terminated 15 months later in the tragic death of her husband, who, with several of the members of Tyler's Cabinet, was killed during the spring of 184 by the explosion of a gun on the Princeton. After this sho returned to Tudor Place, where she has since remained, except for the time spent in Philadelphia, when her daughter. Martha Konnon (afterward the wife of the late Dr. Armistead Poter, of Georgetown) was at school there, and the first year of the Civil War, when the family went South. Since her daughter is death her grandchildren have lived either with her or near her. Of these Walter Gibson

